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CARGO COMPANY, OPENED AN OFFICE IN THE U.S. U.S. OFFICIALS SAY SAFAIR IS INVOLVED IN COVERT OPERATIONS FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. ON THE SAME DAY IT INCORPORATED, SAFAIR-SIGNED A LEASE WITH SOUTHERN AIR TRANSPORT, KNOWN FOR ITS PAST RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CIA. SAFAIR PROVIDED PLANES TO SOUTHERN AIR THAT WERE USED TO FLY WEAPONS TO THE CONTRAS.

IN 1984, CASEY UNDERTOOK A SECRET MISSION TO THE FRENCH RIVIERA, WHERE HE MET WITH SAUDI ARABIA'S KING FAHD AND SOUGHT TO PERSUADE FAHD TO PROVIDE AID FOR THE CONTRAS, FOR THE REBELS IN ANGOLA, AND HE URGED FAHD TO PROVIDE OI- TO SOUTH AFRICA. TWO YEARS LATER, IN MARCH, CASEY MADE ANOTHER SECRET VISIT, THIS TIME TO SOUTH AFRICA. SOURCES TELL ABC THAT DURING THAT PERIOD, A DEAL WAS BEING DISCUSSED IN HIGH-LEVEL POLICY SESSIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND IN WASHINGTON FOR SOUTH AFRICAN ASSISTANCE TO THE CONTRAS. ABC NEUS HAS LEARNED THAT, ONE MONTH LATER, RETIRED AIR FORCE GENERAL RICHARD SECORD, HIS DEPUTY RICHARD GADD (SP?), AND A MAN DESCRIBED BY OTHERS PRESENT AS LT. COL. UNCLASSIFIED

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OLIVER NORTH MET WITH SOUTHERN AIR TRANSPORT PILOTS IN A SAFEHOUSE IN SAN SALVADOR. THERE THEY WERE TOLD THAT THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS WOULD FLY WEAPONS INTO NICARAGUA. AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY THAT SOME OF THOSE NATIONALS WERE SOUTH AFRICANS. (REPORTED BY KAREN BURNES, WASHINGTON). WHITEHEAD